

Sr. Chaplain Tom Burton, M.Div., CMC

Tom was commissioned by Sheriff Dan Stevens of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department to organize, recruit, train and implement a Chaplaincy Department in 1992. He served as a volunteer Senior Chaplain for the Sheriff's since 1992 and became full time chaplain May 9, 2000. As the Senior Chaplain he trains all volunteers that enter the jail, started Bible Studies and worship services. For the community he is called to do all the death notification and Critical Incident Debriefings. Tom developed and organized a chaplains program for the Community Corrections or what is also called the work release program. He has started and pastored Christ Community Church of Hamilton County since 2000. Tom was instrumental in the development and organization of a Spiritual Response Team for Hamilton Count with assistance of Sheriff Doug Carter and the American Red Cross. He also developed and helped organize a CISM Disaster Response Team. Trained and registered Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Trainer (ASIST) with Living Works since 2007. Tom serves on the National American Red Cross Spiritual Response Team and the International Conference of Police Chaplains Disaster Response Team, the (ICART) Indiana Crisis Area Response Team (NOVA). He has been deployed numerous times the latest was Katrina and Gustov.

Tom graduated with an Associates Degree in Master Airframe and Powerplant, from the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics, received a Diploma in Christian Ministries from Boyce Bible School, a B/A from Campbellsville University and a Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also received a Masters Chaplaincy Certification with the International Conference of Police Chaplains.

Tom has served on Hamilton County Mental Health Board, Noblesville's Mayor's Advisory Board, and the Riverview Hospital Chaplain's Advisory Board. Tom helped to re-organize the Riverview Hospital Chaplaincy program and has served as a hospital chaplain since 1990.

Tom received several awards; the Paul Horner Scholarship, Francis and Ruth Moore Scholarship 1989-90, and the Dean's List Transfer Scholarship at Campbellsville University. Tom was elected president of the Christian Ministries Fellowship at Campbellsville University for the years 1988-89, and was elected President of the Pastor's Conference for the State of Indiana 1998 -1999. He also received the strategic Diplomat Award for service from the International Conference of Police Chaplains in 2008. He loves to play golf and fish although he seldom gets the opportunity.